Desumoll and Manga Syndrome
Present
Zodiac Game
TRANSLATION: SHOREIJUU
PROOF: HACK
CLEAN: LAYEDBACK
TYPESET: LUKIS
RC: KABUTO93

STAGE 03 : ALLIES

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5/18
(Sunday)
Daytime
DON'T TOUCH THAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAT----
THAT'S MY SPECIAL **** WITH **** FULL OF **** PRECIOUS ****, IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE PERFECTLY HIDDEN UNDER MY BED!
GA-SP!
IT WAS A DREAM.
OH, ITS NOON ALREADY.

1 DEAD.
27 INJURED
.FIRED A SHOTGUN IN THE KICHIJOUJI SHOOTING INCIDENT. AMONG THOSE PRESENT ONE WAS KILLED INSTANTLY, WHILE 27 WERE INJURED.
SOME-ONE DIED?
...KILLED INSTANTLY.
THAT'S [illegible] I'M SURE [illegible] SAID THAT THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES.
NAH, THAT WAS A WEEK AFTER THE INCIDENT HAPPENED. IF IT WAS SOMETHING THAT IMPORTANT, I'M SURE WHATEVER HAPPENED WOULD HAVE BEEN REPORTED CORRECTLY.
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN HE SHOULDN'T [illegible] SUCH A MISTAKE....

MORE IMPORTANTLY...
I'LL ASK ABOUT IT TOMORROW.
OH WELL.

TODAY I MUST FIX MY BELOVED BIKE.

CAN I FIX IT?
OR IS IT DONE FOR?

I'VE BEEN WAY TOO RECKLESS,
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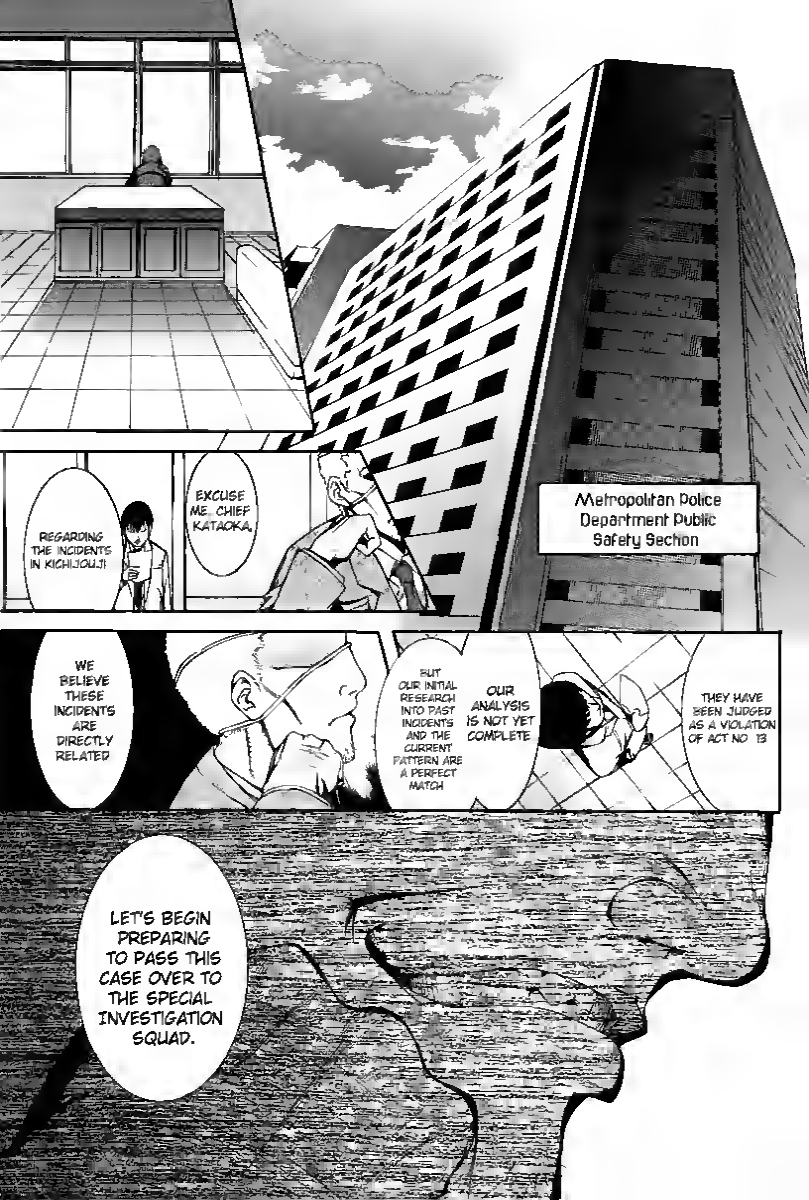
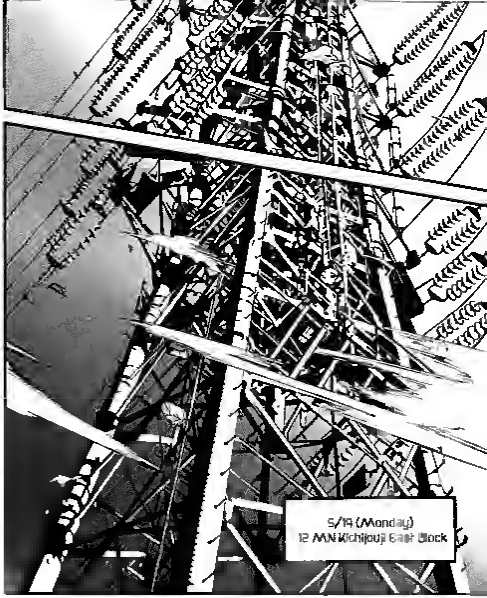

Metropolitan Police Department Public Safety Section
EXCUSE ME, CHIEF KATAOKA.
REGARDING THE INCIDENTS IN KICHIJOUJI
THEY HAVE BEEN JUDGED AS A VIOLATION OF ACT NO 13
OUR ANALYSIS IS NOT YET COMPLETE
BUT OUR INITIAL RESEARCH INTO PAST INCIDENTS AND THE CURRENT PATTERN ARE A PERFECT MATCH
WE BELIEVE THESE INCIDENTS ARE DIRECTLY RELATED
LET'S BEGIN PREPARING TO PASS THIS CASE OVER TO THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATION SQUAD.

THE WIND SURE IS STRONG TODAY...


5/19 (Monday)
12 AM Kichijouji Eair Block

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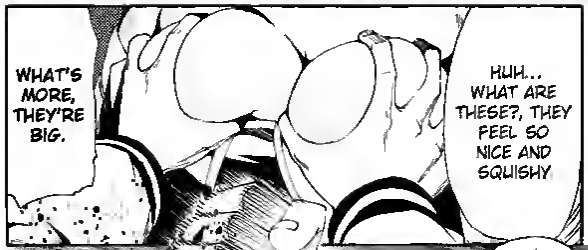

WHAT'S MORE, THEY'RE BIG.
HUH... WHAT ARE THESE?, THEY FEEL SO NICE AND SQUISHY

WAAAH, I CAN'T SEE A THING

DO YOU HAVE NO RESPECT FOR A WOMAN'S HONOUR!

N-N-NONSENSE! IT WAS AN ACCIDENT, AN ACCIDENT!
YOU DID THAT ON PURPOSE DIDN'T YOU...
W-WAS THAT YOU LIBRA SAN? AHAH AHA.

Y-YES!
HURRY UP AND CONFIRM THE ADDITIONAL RULES ALREADY!

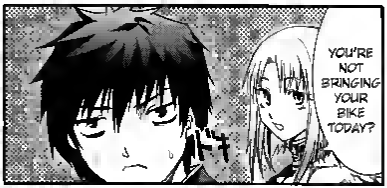
AH...
DO THAT AGAIN AND I'LL REALLY CUT YOU DOWN!

HMM... WOULD BE THE FIND OTHER PLAYERS.
IN ANY CASE, JUST TAKE YOUR NOSE ALREADY!
IT DOESN'T SAY EXACTLY HOW MANY PLAYERS I HAVE TO CONTACT. I GUESS THAT MEANS THE FEWER I MEET THE GREATER MY RISK.
I SEE... GAIN ALLIES, HUH?
IN THE NEXT 3 MEET OTHER PLAY- ERS. MORE THAN ONE.

YEAH.
SO YOU HAVE A PLAN?
WHICH IS WHY
ANYWAY, EXPECTING TO FIND PLAYERS WHILE WE WANDER AROUND AIMLESSLY IS POINTLESS
ALL PLAYERS ARE BASICALLY IN THE SAME SITUATION, RIGHT?
IF THAT'S THE CASE THEN I THINK I HAVE AN IDEA OF WHAT WE SHOULD DO
THE ZODIAC, WANDERERS AND THE OTHERS CAN'T BE SEEN BY ANYONE OTHER THAN THE PLAYERS, RIGHT?
SO ANYONE CLOSE ENOUGH TO HEAR ME TALK TO YOU WOULD THINK THAT I'M SOME KIND OF WEIRDO, RIGHT?
NOT TO MENTION, WHEN FIGHTING A WANDERER, A TELEPHONE POLE COULD BE KNOCKED DOWN VIOLENTLY ENDANGERING AN ORDINARY PERSON. WHICH COULD CAUSE A SCENE. WELL, LOTS OF THINGS HAVE BEEN TOTALLY WRECKED, BUT STILL,
IF WE CAUSED TOO MUCH HAVOC THE POLICE WOULD GET INVOLVED AND THIS PLACE WOULD BECOME MARKED, SO I GUESS THAT'S OUT OF THE QUESTION.

KICHIJOUJI HAS DEFINITELY BECOME SUCH A PLACE.
THAT BEING THE CASE, IF WE SEARCH FOR TRACES OF BATTLES BETWEEN THE ZODIAC AND WANDERERS THERE, WE'LL HAVE A HIGHER CHANCE OF ENCOUNTERING OTHER PLAYERS
SO IN OTHER WORDS
ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS TO FIND A PLACES WHERE THERE ARE FEW PEOPLE AND IT CAN BE DEMOLISHED A BIT!
THIS TASK LASTS FOR THREE DAYS. I'M SURE EVERYONE HAS STARTED SEARCHING FOR OTHER PLAYERS BY NOW.

BUT HE STILL HAS A LONG WAY TO GO.
HMM.. SEEMS HE DOES HAVE A BRAIN AFTER ALL.


YOU'RE NOT BRINGING YOUR BIKE TODAY?

NAH, I TRIED FIXING IT THIS AFTERNOON BUT I HAVEN'T FINISHED YET...
BUT, I REALIZED THAT THERE'S NO WAY I CAN FIX A WARPED TIRE FRAME BY MYSELF.
I SERIOUSLY SHOULD HAVE NOTICED THAT SOONER.

ANYWAY, LET'S GO!

HOW CAN YOU THINK UP A PLAN TO COMPLETE THE TASK, BUT NOT KNOW HOW TO FIX YOUR BIKE?
DAMN, I'LL HAVE TO GET IT REPAIRED
Kichijouji North Block 1:00 AM
H-HEY, SHEEP-KUN,
WHA-T!
SUI! I TOLD YOU NOT TO CALL ME THAT!

THE ADDITIONAL RULE MENTIONED OTHER PLAYERS,
BUT IT'S OK IF WE HAVEN'T MET ONE YET, RIGHT?
YEAH, IT'S ALL GOOD!
REALLY?
SO, TODAY WILL BE EASY THEN
HEY!
DON'T STAND THERE SPACING OUT!
THOUGH WE CLEARED OUR TASK BY MEETING UP WITH AINO-SAN
BUT THAT'S NOT ALL WE GET RIGHT?
IF THERE ARE TWO PLAYERS, THEN THERE WILL BE TWO ZODIACS IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR PLAYERS IF THEY MOVED TOGETHER

SOME BASTARD'S BEEN STALKING US FOR QUITE SOME TIME NOW!
EH?
MORE IMPORT-ANTLY...
YOU SURP-RISED ME.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS YOU'RE UP TO,
BUT QUIT HIDING AND SHOW YOUR FILTHY FACE!
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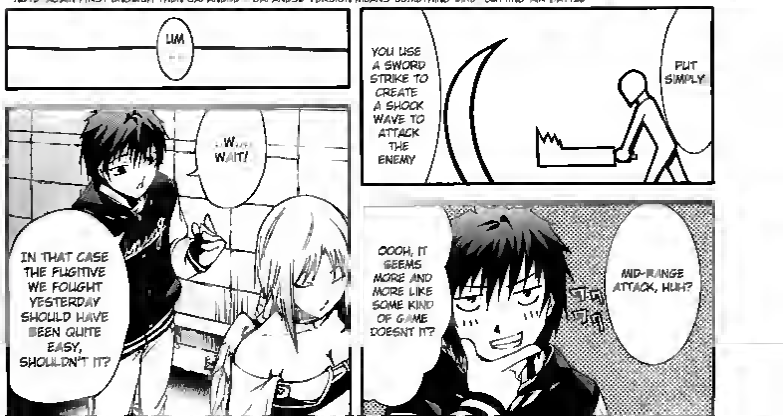
IS HE A PLAYER TOO?
YEAH
NO WAY, HE LOOKS SO SCARY

A BASTARD I CAN'T STAND.

EACH ZODIAC CAN USE DIFFERENT SKILLS AND ABILITIES.
SKILLS AND ABILITIES?
YUP.
SKILL. I PRIMARILY USE IN BATTLE FOR EXAMPLE TECHNIQUES AND SPECIAL MOVES
IN MY CASE, I MOST COMMONLY USE RANKS ALISTRALIS.
RANKS ...
AU...?

NOTE: AGAIN FIRST ENGLISH THEN JAPANESE. JAPANESE VERSION MEANS SOMETHING LIKE "CUTTING AIR BATTLE"


UM ...
YOU USE A SWORD STRIKE TO CREATE A SHOCK WAVE TO ATTACK THE ENEMY
PUT SIMPLY
..W... WAIT!
IN THAT CASE THE FUGITIVE WE FOUGHT YESTERDAY SHOULD HAVE BEEN QUITE EASY, SHOULDN'T IT?
OOOH, IT SEEMS MORE AND MORE LIKE SOME KIND OF GAME DOESN'T IT?
MID-RANGE ATTACK, HUH?

SINCE IT'S NOT LIKE A NORMAL PROJECTILE WEAPON, ONCE THE SHOCK WAVE IS UNLEASHED, I AM NOT ABLE TO CONTROL IT.
BECAUSE OF THIS I CAN'T GUARANTEE THAT WHAT I AM AIMING AT WILL BE THE ONLY THING DESTROYED
THAT'S WHY I TEND TO HOLD BACK WHEN USING THIS
I SEE
BESIDES,
I LOSE THE SENSATION OF CUTTING AND DISEMBOWELLING MY ENEMIES THAT WAY, YOU KNOW?
WELL I WILL USE IT WITHOUT ANY HESITATION THE MOMENT YOU TELL ME TO SO DON'T WORRY
I... I SEE.
IT SEEMS THAT...
YOUR PREDICTIONS WERE SPOT ON.
THEN THERE ARE ABILITIES...

A SUMMON...?!
SORRY, BUT YOUR KIDDIE KNIFE ISN'T GOING TO REACH ME.
LET ME GIVE YOU A PRESENT, TOO!

YOU HAVE IT ALL WRONG.
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BORING IF I'D BEEN SERIOUS FROM THE START.
MY TECH-NIQUE,
ISN'T AS HALF-ASSED AS THAT!

WHY ...
WHY DO FELLOW ZODI-ACS...
WHY DO FELLOW PLAYERS HAVE TO FIGHT EACH OTHER?
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WELL LET'S SEE, IF MY ZODIAC WERE TO DESTROY YOURS IT WOULDN'T DIRECTLY BENEFIT ME...
HOWEVER, THERE ARE STILL OTHER REASONS FOR THIS
FOR INSTANCE, IT WOULD MAKE THE GAME MORE EXICTING
WHAT ARE YOU SUDDENLY SAYING RIGHT NOW?
I CAN ALSO SET GOALS THAT AREN'T RELATED TO THIS GAME, YOU KNOW?
BY ADDING MY OWN RULES TO THE SYSTEM I CAN RESTRICT MYSELF HOWEVER I WANT
IT'S KNOWN AS "BINDING PLAY."
AND THAT'S PRECISELY WHAT I'M DOING RIGHT NOW

DAMN IT!! THESE LITTLE BASTARDS KEEP ON COMING NO MATTER HOW MANY OF THEM I KILL!
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SHEEP-KUN!
AHH!
W-... PLEASE LET GO ...
PLEASE LET GO OF ME.
KYAA!
NO WAY!

H-HELP ...
LOOK, EVEN YOUR ZODIAC'S LOSING.
SO, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO NOW, OH MASTER-SAN?
SOMEONE..
ANYONE PLEASE HELP ME!

SUI!
IT'S NOT A GOOD TIME TO LOOK AWAY, NOW IS IT.
TCH!
IT'S TIME TO FINISH THIS.
SO THIS IS IT...
RANKS AUSTRALIS!
DAMN IT!!! HOLD IT RIGHT THER-EEEEEEE !!!!!

I HAVE NO IDEA WHO STARTED THIS...
BUT IF YOU GUYS TAKE THIS ANY FURTHER YOU'LL HAVE TO DEAL WITH ME TOO!